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SUBJECT: COUNTRY PAPER ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN INDIA

1. NEA/INS MUST PREPARE FOUR-PAGE COUNTRY PAPER ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN INDIA IN CONNECTION WITH POLICY REVIEW MEMORANDUM ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN DEVELOPING NATIONS. FOCUS OF THIS PRM IS BROAD-BASED. THE OVERALL ISSUE IN THE PRM IS WHETHER WE CAN IDENTIFY WAYS IN WHICH U.S. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CAN IMPROVE OUR RELATIONS WITH DEVELOPING NATIONS. THE PRM TAKES A BROAD VIEW OF THIS ISSUE AND IS NOT RPT NOT CONCERNED ONLY WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITIES AND TECHNOLOGICAL BASES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IT RELATES SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO SUCH ISSUES AS: EDUCATION AND MANPOWER TRAINING; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; AGRICULTURE AND HEALTH; ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCE SUPPLY AND DEMAND; AND INDUSTRIAL GROWTH AND POTENTIAL FUTURE IMPLICATIONS FOR U.S. CAPITAL FLOWS, CONFIDENTIAL

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MARKET ACCESS, AND LABOR DISPLACEMENT. THE STUDY IS CONCERNED NOT ONLY WITH GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT TRANSFER BUT WITH PRIVATE PROPRIETARY TRANSFER AS WELL.

2. NEA/INS WOULD APPRECIATE POST'S CONTRIBUTION TO THIS PAPER BY IMMEDIATE CABLE NO LATER THAN COB TUESDAY, APRIL 4

(YOUR TIME). IN KEEPING WITH BROAD FOCUS OF THIS STUDY, DEPARTMENT HOPES EMBASSY'S CONTRIBUTION WILL REFLECT WIDEST RANGE OF INTERESTS -- SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AID, COMMERCIAL, AND CULTURAL.

3. AREAS FOR EXAMINATION FOLLOW:

A. SOURCES OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT:

IDENTIFY THE MAIN INTERNATIONAL SOURCES, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, AND GIVE WHATEVER INDICATION IS POSSIBLE OF THE SCALE OF COLLABORATION AND INTERCHANGE.

CONCERNING THE UNITED STATES, SUMMARIZE THE RELATIONSHIP INCLUDING BILATERAL AGREEMENTS, OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ACTIVITY, INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS, AND THE FLOW OF STUDENTS TO THE UNITED STATES.

B. COUNTRY POLICIES AND EXPRESSED NEEDS: SUMMARIZE THE POLICIES OF THE COUNTRY REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND RELATED EXTERNAL COLLABORATION. WHAT HAS BEEN SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED OF THE UNITED STATES? ARE THERE APPLICATIONS WE CAN IDENTIFY AS BEING IN OUR INTEREST, WHETHER REQUESTED OR NOT? IN PARTICULAR, DOES THE COUNTRY PARTICULARLY NEED HELP IN ASSESSING PROPRIETARY TECHNOLOGY OFFERED FROM U.S. AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL SOURCES?

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C. VALUE TO U.S. DOMESTIC INTERESTS OR OTHER LDC'S:

ARE THERE ANY SPECIFIC PHYSICAL CIRCUMSTANCES, LOCAL SCIENTIFIC OR TECHNICAL CAPACITY, OR OTHER FACTORS THAT WOULD MAKE COLLABORATION OF PARTICULAR BENEFIT TO THE UNITED STATES, OR TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES GENERALLY?

D. POSSIBLE U.S. ACTIONS: IDENTIFY ANY SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES BEING CONSIDERED OR WHICH MIGHT BE PROPOSED FOR CONSIDERATION THAT WOULD BENEFIT U.S. PURPOSES IN THE COUNTRY?

E. POLICY SUGGESTIONS: DOES OUR EXPERIENCE WITH THE COUNTRY INDICATE A NEED FOR DIFFERENT OR STRONGER INSTRUMENTS TO MEET ITS NEEDS, OR ANY CHANGE IN EXISTING RELATED POLICIES?

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